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Re application of: GNANASIVAM, et al. Serial No.: 09/518,551 Filing Date: 3 MARCH 2000 For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTING RAID DEVICES IN A CLUSTER COMPUTER SYSTEM	Examiner: KING, JUSTIN Group Art Unit: 2181 <u>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</u> I hereby certify that this correspondence and its listed enclosures is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail addressed to Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents; P.O. Box 1450; Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on <u>OCTOBER 20, 2003</u> . Signed <u>Maria Ciganovich</u> Maria Ciganovich
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Sir:

Following is Applicants' response to the Final Office Action mailed 18 JULY 2003. A response is due MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2003, making this a timely response. The response is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, please remove the finality of the rejections and amend the application as indicated on the following pages, and consider the remarks herein. While Applicant believes that no further fees are due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due as a result of filing this amendment, including additional claims fees not already paid for, or other fees that have not been separately paid, to Deposit Account 50-2319 (Order No. A-66977/RMA/JML (125196-91)).